



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Christ the King | Year B | 24 November 2024

Our first reading today is taken from the Book of Daniel. We can describe Daniel as one of the great visionaries in the Bible. As Daniel tells us in the first reading today, 'I gazed into the visions of the night, and I saw...' What a powerful statement that is! And what did he see? He saw Christ the King. As he said, 'I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. ..on him was conferred sovereignty, glory, kingship, and men and women from all peoples, nations and languages served him. His sovereignty is an external sovereignty, which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

If Daniel is the great visionary in the Bible, then Pontius Pilate, whom we met in today's Gospel, is the Bible's great cynic - he has no vision at all, and he believes in nothing. The King of the Jews is standing before him and he cannot recognise him. And when Jesus says that his kingdom is a kingdom of truth, Pilate utters the ultimate cynical statement: 'Truth! What is that?' Pilate no longer believes in the transcendental values of truth, goodness, beauty and altruism. He is motivated purely by self interest, taking no responsibility for his actions (indeed, washing his hands clean of them).

Occasionally we meet cynics who only have bad things to say about the world and the Church and faith. What we most need are visionaries, people who don't deny that much is wrong, but still manage to see the good. Let us ask Christ our King to open our eyes that, amid the challenges, self-interest and scepticism that abound, we may see the signs of his presence among us in the goodness, the kindness and the self-sacrifice of so many people.

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2024

Parish Safeguarding Commitment

Our Parishes are committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—anthony.riosacg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipsscg.org.au

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, as Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Entrance Antiphon - Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading - Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation - Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Communion Antiphon - Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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INNER NORTH

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Vivienne Mickle who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend at Holy Rosary, Watson. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" 1 Corinthians 11:26

Vessels Combined Youth Group – 24 November

Any children in grades 3-6 across the Inner North can join us at 6pm on Sunday November 24th, in Holy Rosary Parish Hall in Watson for one final youth group left in the year! To finish off with a bang, we've got plenty of fun and games mixed with opportunities to grow together in faith. If interested, contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

RCIA 2024-25 - next: Tuesday 26 November

The Canberra Inner North Community Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is underway. The third session will be held on **Tuesday 26 November, 6.30pm at St Brigid's Parish Hall**, 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson. All are welcome. To register, please email the parish office with your name and contact number (e) innernorth@cg.org.au.

Parish Memorial Day - 29 November

On Friday, 29 November the regular Masses in Canberra Central, O'Connor and Watson will be offered for the repose of all their deceased priests, lay leaders, volunteers, parishioner's and those who frequented our churches. The Mass at O'Connor will be offered for both O'Connor and Campbell parishes. Let us show our gratefulness for what they have done for us.

North Canberra Nativity Festival - 5 to 8 December

Holy Rosary Church in Watson is pleased to host this ecumenical exhibition of 200+ nativity scenes. 9am to 5.30pm each day.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - 9 December

This year 8 December falls on the Second Sunday of Advent and the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday 9 Dec. There will be mass at **St Brigid's Dickson at 9.00am**, **St Joseph's O'Connor at 9.15am** (preceded by adoration at 8.15am) and **St Patrick's Braddon at 12.30pm**. Let us honour MARY IMMACULATE!

Archdiocesan Assembly 2024 – Synthesis Report seeks responses

As part of the Year of the Holy Spirit, over 550 people across the Archdiocese gathered on 19 October 2024 to discern 'what seems good to the Holy Spirit and us' (Acts 15:28). The Assembly was a step on a pilgrim journey of discernment, which you are invited to join as the journey continues. A synthesis report of the Assembly is available at <https://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/response/>. The report invites responses by 15 December 2024 to questions listed at page 20. Please read the report and consider responding. Copies of the questions will be left on the tables in the church foyers.

Virtual Advent Series - Tuesdays from 26 November

Advent is a time to prepare, wait and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. Garratt Publishing is offering a perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey with their free Virtual Advent Series. The series consists of talks by three Australian biblical scholars. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ec3zct9> (or Google "Garratt Publishing Advent Series").

Columban Calendars and Cards

As in recent years, Vinnies will not be selling Columban products at mass. However, you can order these on-line and by contacting the Columbans. Please go to www.columban.org.au and order on-line via the shop tab. Alternatively, you can contact them via email at info@columban.org.au or by phone on 03 9375 9475.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Parish Christmas Lunch - 14 December

REGISTRATIONS OPEN - Our Parish Christmas lunch will be held at Yowani Country Club, Lyneham at 12 noon (for a 12.30pm start). Cost is \$50 a head for a two course meal. TICKET SALES at Masses this weekend and 30 Nov/1Dec or scan the QR Code to register via the Qkr! app. Anyone who would like to make a donation for the raffle, please bring it to the Parish Office or give to the acolyte to put in the Sacristy before or after Mass.



BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Craft group has finished for 2024 and will meet again in February 2025.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Sr Paulinus Croker, Janina Hebda, Henry Gurney, Margaret Collett, James Tran, Una Ford, Peter Tormey, Patrick O'Hagen, Nola Gundry.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Edward Pook, Helen Zobec, Elizabeth (Lil) Tisdell, Amelia of Fatima, Vernon Thomas, Pickle Vendor, Doris Mary Grech, Vanda Godfrey, Ashley La'Porte, Bro Harrison, Fr Rafael Cabezon, Joe Monteen.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Scott Allberry, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore, Steve Sedgwick.

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.

Celebration of Thanksgiving for service to the parish - 24 November

At 10am Mass on 24 November, Feast of Christ the King, we will be celebrating all the people who serve and give of themselves in our parish community. Everyone is invited to give thanks for the spirit of mutual love and service at the heart of our parish. A festive morning tea will follow in the parish centre. Please bring a plate!

Blackfriars Parish @ ALPHA Catholic Conference

Roger Paul, Holy Rosary PPC Chair and parishioner Emily Hall attended the Alpha Catholic Conference in Melbourne. The conference, titled "Every Generation," aimed to equip and empower intergenerational renewal within the Catholic Church. The two day event focused on Alpha and its core elements of invitation, radical hospitality and prayer in supporting parish renewal. Donna Brennan, Alpha Catholic Engagement Lead told participants "Alpha as a course is good, but it's only good. Alpha as a culture is amazing." The CINCC recently hosted a joint Alpha and a youth Alpha is currently being run by our youth ministers. Holy Rosary Church will continue to explore how Alpha can be used as a tool to help bring people to God, create community, raise leaders, and transform culture as part of its planning for 2025. If you're interested in participating in an Alpha please contact emilykathrynhall@gmail.com.



GangGang

Jamie wishes to send all our regular parishioners early Christmas greetings and a delightful new year.

"The Light" Advent reflection resource

Blackfriars Parish is offering parishioners, by donation, a copy of the Advent reflection resource "The Light". The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. A copy to look through is in the church foyer. Please place an envelope with your donation, name and contact details in the collection or contact the parish office: (e) Innernorth@cg.org.au or (m) 0416 823 447 to secure your copy.

COMMUNITY

Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service - 1 December

6pm at Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett
An hour of music, readings, silence and mediation.
Open to all.

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Contribute to the First Collection:

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MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 1 December

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	8.30am With Children's Liturgy	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday to Thursday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	
Friday -Parish Memorial Day	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	11.45am - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
Reconciliation					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	12.00 - 12.30pm	
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
Anointing of the Sick					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
Rosary Prayers					
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass		
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		